Out of these 19 persons, 2 have developed full blown AIDS (one each from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh). The case from Maharashtra has expired. 2 more persons have developed AIDS related complex (one each from Kerala and Tamil Nadu). All cases are under surveillance.

No specific proposal from Government of Tamil Nadu seeking financial assistance has been received. The Central Government have made available the following assistance:

1. ELIS A Test Kits for AIDS for screening high risk group.

2. Training programme for the laboratory personnel and State AIDS officer.

3. Education material on AIDS for professionals.

4. Educational material on AIDS for the public at large through mass media, print materials etc.

Recognition to the Second University of Agricultural Sciences in Karnataka

1444. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka have represented to the University Grants Commission for granting recognition to the second university of Agricultural Sciences for Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the University Grants Commission has taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the recognition is likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) In terms of the UGC Act and Rules made thereunder, a university is required to be declared fit to receive grant from the Central Government. The Government of Karnataka had sent a copy of the University of Agricultural Sciences (Amendment) Act, 1986 enabling the State Government to establish a second agricultural university at Dharwad. The Amendment Act was examined by the UGC in consultation with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the State Government has been advised to amend the Act suitably to enable the Commission to consider the question of declaring the second Agricultural University at Dharwad fit to receive Central assistance.

Outbreak of Malaria in Assam

1445. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria is still creating havoc in several districts of Assam, bordering Bhutan and causing death of several hundreds of people;

(b) if so, the details of the Malaria Eradication Programme in Assam;

(c) whether it is a fact that germs of Malaria have been carried to Assam by people from across the border; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have contemplated to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to the reports received from State Health Authorities, the total number of Malaria cases in different districts of Assam bordering Bhutan have shown a declining trend upto April, 1986 as compared to that in the corresponding period of 1985 except Kokrajihar district which